



Many Thanks to ...

- Our OCS presenters: Sharon Lilja/RAS, Sue Frisby and Julie Hubbard/Licensing, and Donna Huntington/ICWA as well as the other OCS staff that assisted: Dawn Adams, Tom Hildreth, Erin Gette-Shields and Sheridan DesGranges
- Other presenters: Lynne Ammu/Heritage, Kim Havelock/CSS, Cecily Skoog-Moore/GAL & CASA, Jocelyn Liebig and Lindsay Holland/VOA, Penny Westing/Chickaloon, Geraldine Nicoli/Knik Tribe, and Karen Jennings/Adoption Attorney
- Volunteers: Genie's Gang, the Gette Girls, and everyone else that pitched in
- Our Panel: Nathan and Vanessa, Ruth, Kevin and Lisa, Susan, and Tyler

Sponsored by: ACRF, OCS, CSS, VOA, Heritage, KTC, Chickaloon, and GAL/CASA.

Please consider purchasing a \$10.00 Dairy Queen Fundraiser Card valued at \$60.00. Checks should be made out to Alaska Center for Resource Families and proceeds will be used for our special Holiday Gift Event December 12th from noon-3:00. We are collecting gifts for the children being cared for by our Resource Families. Resource Parents will select holiday gifts to take home for their children. Call Betsy at 376-4678 for more information.

Foster Parent Training Credit

This event is worth 7.0 hours of foster parent training for licensed foster parents who attend the entire day. Partial credit will also be given for partial attendance. Make sure to sign the attendance sheet when you arrive and initial for each session you attend!

Sponsored by the Alaska Center for Resource Families, the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services

For more information about foster care training,

please call the Alaska Center for Resource Families at 1-866-478-7307 or Betsy in the Wasilla office at 376-4678. Information on foster care and adoption is also available on our website at www.acrf.org



Adoption Awareness and Information Fair
Saturday, November 1, 2008, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Held at the Wasilla Multi-use Sports Complex



SCHEDULE

- 9:00-10:00 General Adoption Information: Visit information tables staffed by the following: OCS (Licensing, RAS, ICWA) ACRF, GAL/CASA, VOA, Heritage Adoption, CSS, Chickaloon & Knik Tribe
- 10:00-11:00 Adopting through OCS: Presented by Licensing Unit and the Regional Adoption Specialist
- 11:00-12:00 Community Resources and Support: Presented by the Guardian ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocate, and Volunteers of America
- 12:00-1:00 **FREE LUNCH PROVIDED** you must pre-register: call Betsy 376-4678
- Lunchtime presentation: A panel of foster and adoptive families will share their stories and varied experiences including OCS foster/adopt, international, transracial, and private adoptions
- 1:00-2:00 Tribal Issues: Presented by Chickaloon, Knik Tribe, and the Indian Child Welfare Act specialist from OCS
- 2:00-3:00 Private Adoption Agencies: Presented by Catholic Social Services and Heritage Adoption Agency
- 3:00-4:00 Legal Issues: Presented by Karen Jennings, an adoption attorney
- Conclusion: Presented by Alaska Center for Resource Families

You are welcome to bid on our donated silent auction items. Winners will be announced at 3:45, checks should be made out to Alaska Center for Resource Families. Proceeds will be used to purchase books for our resource lending library and for other special events.

Donations were received from WalMart, MEA, GCI, BP, Humphreys, Shane Lamb, Iditarod, Fireside Books, Walden Books, AK Cheesecake, AK RR, Carl's Jr., Jack Randall, Betty Russell/A Better Cut, Ewe First, Loving Radiance, Pandemonium, Allstate, and DQ.

